Rs. 24908.38 crore. State-wise budget allocations are not made under the schemes administered by the Department. Grants are released to State Governments keeping in view the proposals received from them, availability of resources and progress of utilization of funds earlier released under each scheme.

(c) and (d) Various Schemes/Programmes are under implementation in different States. The details are available in the Annual Reports of the Ministry for the different years of the Ninth Plan. The Planning Commission has introduced a system of Quarterly Performance Review of the physical and financial progress of Plan Schemes/Programmes. Besides, a Monthly Report on status of implementation of schemes has been prescribed for quarterly/ half yearly review at appropriate levels. A Management Information System has been introduced at district level for monitoring of the District Primary Education Programme. Moreover, an "Area Officers Scheme" has been introduced under which officers are required to visit their allotted States for monitoring implementation of various schemes.

Swayamsidha Scheme for Women

1135. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing the Swayamsidha Scheme for empowerment of women in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the scheme in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Swayamsidha is an integrated scheme for women's empowerment. It is based on the formation of women into Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and aims at the holistic empowerment of women through awareness generation, economic empowerment and convergence of various schemes, implemented in 650 blocks at a total cost of Rs. 116.30 crore, ending on 31.3.2006.

(c) Swayamsidha has been allotted in 38 Blocks of Andhra Pradesh. The State Action Plan for Swayamsidha has been approved; 2 Block Projects have been approved by the National-level Project Sanctioning Committee; and power to approve residual 36 block Projects has been delegated to the State-

level Steering and Review Committee. Residual 36 Block Projects have been approved by the State-level Steering and Review Committee. The State Government have conducted a State-level Workshop for all the Project Implementing Agencies and the Project Implmenting Agencies have prepared action-plans and initiated steps for formation of groups.

Promotion of Urdu

1136. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) What steps are being taken by Government to promote Urdu; and

(b) what is the total Urdu speaking population in the country, as per the 1991 and 2001 census, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) the Central Government has established its own institutional framework for the development of Urdu language. The National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) has been established as an autonomous body exclusively for the promotion and development of Urdu. The Council implements several schemes in this direction such as Computerised Calligraphy Training Centre, providing financial assistance to voluntary organisations for undertaking Urdu promotional activities, translation of NCERT textbooks into Urdu, Calligraphy and Graphic Design Centres, Urdu Type and Shorthand Centres, providing subsidy to Urdu newspapers, etc. The Council has already published Urdu encyclopaedia, Urdu dictionary, English-Urdu dictionary, children literature and associated academic literature. The Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore also undertakes Urdu promotional activities. Two Urdu Training and Research Centres have been established under the CIIL at Lucknow and Solan exclusively for Urdu teachers training and research. The Central Government also implements a Centrally sponsored scheme for the appointment of Urdu teachers in the States. Besides, the State Governments have their own programmes for this purpose.

The Urdu speaking population in India State/Union Territory-wise, as per the 1991 census is as follows except the State of Jammu & Kshmir where the 1991 census was not held. This information is not available as per 2001 census:—